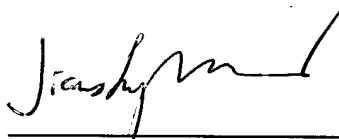


REMARKS

The amendment filed on August 4, 2003 and the response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment filed on September 24 were considered to be non-compliant because it did not include proper status identifiers for each claim. Accordingly, a corrected version is submitted above.

Please address all correspondence to Thomas Hoxie, Novartis Corporation, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430 East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees with may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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